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372 Southern Avenue
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Site Location: 372 Southern Avenue
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DOT designation: Resource Site No. 1.61
Cadastral grid : SW1/4 NE1/4 S36 T89N R2E
USGS quadrangle: Dubuque South Iowa 7.5'
UTM coordinates: 15.691760.4705750
Lot dimensions : 50' x 95' : .11 acre
Lot description: North 97.5', West 10' of
Lot 1 and East 40' of Lot 2
of Newman's Addition
Present Owner: Iowa Department of Transportation
Present Usage: vacant
Present Condition : fair
Overall Dimensions: main block: 16' x 28'; side wing: 16' x 23'; front porch:
16' x 7'.
Orientation : northwest
Architectural Description : Plan type : 2-story main block, with 1-story tee side
wing.
Foundation: parged stone perimeter walls.
Structure : wood frame
Ext. walls: asphalt siding in a narrowly coursed siding
Roofs : steeply pitched, front gabled roof over main
block; steeply pitched, side gabled roof over
side wing; diamond-pattern asphalt shingles
throughout.
Chimneys : one concrete block, interior in center of two-
story block, straddles roof.
Dormers : none
Windows : 2/2 double-hung sash on first story front of
main block, others are 1/1 double-hung; plain
casings.
Openings : 3-light, 3-panel wood door offset on front wall
of main block; centrally placed door on front
of one story wing; one small window, plain
casings and sill.
Porches : full width, gabled porch with exposed rafters
on front wall of main block; main columns have
inset panels. Porch on one-story block has
concrete landing, two steps with wrought iron
railing, and small metal canopy over door.
Details : boxed cornices on main block roof.

Construction Date : c.1880

Architecture Style: Vernacular Ell

Physical History : Edward Smyth platted this residential subdivision along Southern Avenue in June 1874. Three years later he sold portions of Lots 1 and 2 to Michael and Bridget Coughlin for \$250. Edward Lee acquired it in 1882. A sawyer at Job Randall's nearby sawmill, Lee and his wife Mary sold the house to their son, James, in 1911 but retained a life interest in the property. Three years later, James Lee sold it to real estate dealer J.J. Nagle. Nagle rented - and later sold - the house to Arlie W. Bandy. Bandy and his wife Eva sold the house to the City of Dubuque in 1925 and continued to occupy it until the early 1960s. Although the sequence of ownership is clear, it is not known whether the existing house was built by Michael Coughlin in the late 1870s or by Edward Lee in the early 1880s. The building has undergone a number of alterations and additions since then, most notable of which include the probable replacement of the porch and the resheathing of the roof with asphalt shingles and the exterior walls with asphalt siding.

Significance: Somewhat larger than many of the nearby dwellings, this house typifies the modest frame residences built along Southern Avenue at the periphery of Dubuque by members of the city's working class.

References: Dubuque City Directories: 1857 - 1970.
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